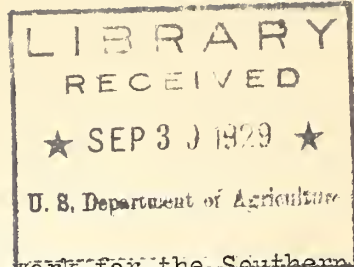


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WHAT'S HAPPENING AMONG 4-H CLUBS

A radio talk by I. W. Hill, Field Agent in club work for the Southern States, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, delivered through Station WRC and 22 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, September 7, 1929.

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4-H Club members and friends everywhere.

From Georgia and Montana, from Rhode Island and Virginia, and from many other States comes word of successful county 4-H camps held this summer. Mississippi, Tennessee, and South Carolina, tell of 115 camps in these three States. Three thousand of California's 9,000 club members attended the 26 camps in their State. At these camps, you 4-H boys and girls, who attended, learned many things, made many helpful friends, and had loads of fun. "Hop to it!" was the motto of the 4-H boys and girls at Camp Gilbert, Massachusetts. "Hop to it!" I say to all club members everywhere. Now, that you are home again, work hard, enjoy your work as you go, and finish the year strong under the 4-H banner.

4-H girls of Tallahatchee County, Mississippi, Miss Elaine Massey, your State agent, tells us of the 107 dresses you showed in the community cotton dress contests of your 14 clubs. That was real 4-H achievement - To be well dressed is worth the while of every club member. To let your community know of what you are doing is also the duty of every club member. You are doing both well. Carry on!

Planting trees is a rather new kind of 4-H job. I want to tell you forestry club members of New York that we are proud of you. 891,000 trees planted this year by 891 club members, or 1,000 a piece, is a real record. We are proud, too, of the 98 boys and girls of Keab County, Michigan, who have planted over 92,000 pine and spruce trees this season. Planting 1,000 trees and taking good care of them is no little chore.

Over the ether comes news of a club tour taken by the Ninola 4-H Club of far away Hawaii. These club members went on a tour like the thousands of tours to members' farms and homes made by local 4-H clubs in the States. In addition to seeing what each of their members was doing with chickens and calves, the Ninola Club visited two poultry ranches and a dairy ranch to study their equipment and methods. Then they camped for a day on Keakaha beach where they enjoyed swimming, fishing, and baseball. Work and then play; that's the 4-H way. We send you Aloha, 4-H boys and girls of Hawaii.

We have news, too, from beyond the United States. Get out the atlas, turn to your map of South America, and find British Guiana. A 4-H club was organized at Hopetown, British Guiana in July. This is what I find about the Hopetown Club in the Daily Chronicle of Georgetown: "About the village of Hopetown are seen a number of gardens. In most cases the boys and girls have been given a start in seeds. The girls also conduct a 'fancy work'!

class and it is hoped to have a display and sale of work at Christmastide." Doesn't this sound like the real thing? Three cheers for Hopetwon 4-H Club in far off British Guiana.

State club leaders are counting 4-H noses these days toward the grand total of 700,000 members in 1929. Nebraska and South Dakota report more than 12,000 members each. Arkansas claims one club member for every 58 inhabitants. That is going strong. What State can beat it?

Now for what's doing among 4-H club members at the fairs.

Yesterday, September 6, was the last day of the Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln. The 4-H boys and girls have their own department there. This year, for the first time, a junior and senior health contest was held, two boys and two girls being selected for State championships.

Today, September 7, boys and girls in Kansas are busy in the 4-H Club Department at the State Fair in Topeka for a week. From September 14 to 21 the State Fair at Hutchinson is going on and there is also a 4-H Department at this fair.

On Monday, September 9, boys and girls in South Dakota will be busy with their 4-H Club Department at the State Fair at Huron. This fair closes September 13.

And finally - the first All-South Club Congress will be held at the time of the Mid-South Fair, Dairy Show and National Cotton Show at Memphis, Tenn., September 30 to October 2. Each Southern State is invited to send 16 official delegates, 8 boys and 8 girls. Contests in poultry judging, dairy cattle judging, livestock judging, showmanship, food preservation, clothing and nutrition will be held. There will also be social entertainment, sightseeing tours and educational trips. Go to it, Dixie!



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